red Question 2083 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) when was the request for imposition of custom duty on Etoposide formulations received by Government and withdrawal of excise duty on bulk drug and its formulations;

(b) what are the grounds on which such request was made;

(c) what is the latest position;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have received requests for exemption of custom duty on intermediates of service items like drugs for AIDS etc.;

(e) if so, by when and what are the details of same and what action has been taken on each;

(f) what are the names of other life saving drugs on whose formulations request for exemption of excise duty was received by Government; and

(g) when was each request received and what action has been taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) This department receives requests from individual companies/industry/associations every year for impositions/reduction/exemption from customs or excise duties on various items due to reasons like encouragement to establishment of indigenous production or indigenous production from early/basic stages, easy availability of drugs to masses which is an ongoing process. Requests for Etoposide and certain intermediates for the drugs for AIDS were also received and after examination, the recommendations for exemption from excise duty on Etoposide and withdrawal of customs duty from intermediates for AIDS drug have been accepted and included in the Budget proposals for the Budget of 1992-93 presented before the Parliament on 29.2.1992.

Importing bulk drugs by multinational drug companies

2243. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of multinational drug companies are importing bulk drug and finished medicines from their principals;

(b) if so, names of the companies and the drugs/finished medicines imported by them during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) what is the CIF import price of each;

(d) whether it is a factthat according to Drug Policy these companies are required to provide this information within a specific period to Government;

(e) if so, the period limit;

(f) whether it is a fact that certain companies are not providing such information and are indulging in the activities of overinvoicing;

(g) if so, what action has been taken against those companies; and

(h) what are the details of instances detected by Government in this regard to overinvoicing of imports in drugs|finished medecines during the last three years and the action taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Import of drugs| finished formulations by individual companies from their principals is not monitored by this Department.

(d) and (e) No, Sir, these details are not required to be furnished.

(f) and (g) Do not arise in view of (d) and (e) above.

(h) some complaints alleging over-invoicing in imports nave been received and the details in this respect have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 420 answered on 27th February, 1992. The cases related to overinvoicing of imports were referred to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for further necessary action.

M/s. Glaxo's writ petition

2244. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2073 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) when did M|s. Glaxo file a writ petition in the Delhi High Court;

(b) what is the ground on which the writ petition was filed;

(c) whether Government have filed a counter affidavit in the case;

(d) if so, by when;

(e) whether it is a fact that M|s. Glaxo has taken stay against the action to be taken by Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether Government have taken any steps to vacate the stay, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Writ petition was filed by M/s. Glaxo in Delhi High Court on 21-7-90 against the Government's Notice dated 18-6.90 conveying the tentative liability of the company as Rs. 66.35 crores. They filed an amendment thereto on 4-12-90.

(c) and (d) The Counter Affidavit against M/s. Glaxo's main Writ Petition was filed on 8-10-90 and to the amendment to its original writ on 3-4-91.

(e) to (g) The Company's Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court is being contested by the Govt. The hearing of the case has not yet commenced. In the meantime, the Govt. has been prevented from taking any coercive step against the company. The case will be defended in the best public interest in accordance with the advice of the Govt. legal experts.

Furnishming Details in Form-6

2245. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3112 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the furnishing of details in Form-6 is a statutory requirement;

(b) how Government are allowing price increases even to those companies who do not give the details in Form-6;

(c) if producers are not giving details in Form-6 to Government under what provision Government are obliged to give price increases;

(d) whether it is a fact that Form-6 is not being deliberately given by the producers to hide all omissions and commissions;

(e) whether it is a fact that bureaucrate are in league with the producers; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA